



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Twenty - Second Sunday after Pentecost  
November 9, 2025 | 9 & 11 am

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## Order of Service for the Worship of God

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*Please remember to silence electronic devices.*

#### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Air in D Minor

*Henry Purcell*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.

*All:* **May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.**

*One:* Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.

*All:* **Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.**

*One:* The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

\*HYMN 733 - We All Are One in Mission  
(see bulletin page 8)

*Tune: Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Our prayer of confession is followed by a time for silent confession.*

**All:** O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the present of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** Amen. Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – All Glory be to the Father**

*Tune: Nyland*

All glo-ry to the Fa - ther, All glo-ry to the Son, All  
glo-ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; For  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's  
tri-une name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**One:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**All:** And also with you. 2

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 42:1 – 4**

(O.T. page 630)

*After each reading:*

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SONG 188 – Jesus Loves Me (9 AM)**

*Tune: Jesus Loves Me*

**CHILDREN’S TIME (9 AM)**

*After the children’s choir, children ages 4 – Grade 4 who are participating in Sunday School, will be taken to the 3rd floor: PreK– Grade 2 to room 301; Grades 3 – 4 to room 307. Children can be picked up at 10:15 from their respective rooms.*

**ANTHEM – A New Commandment**

*William Mundy*

**GOSPEL READING – John 15:12 – 18**

(N.T. page 103)

**SERMON – The Passion of Pain**

*Jeff Lincicome*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM AND OFFERING – Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Larry King

\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 609

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfren*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 724 – O Jesus, I Have Promised  
(see bulletin page 9)

Tune: *Angel's Story*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – March on *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

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**This Morning's Music:** Emphasizes the commandment that Jesus gives to His disciples - to love one another in servitude and fellowship. The anthem is a motet by English renaissance composer, William Mundy (1529-1591) that uses verse 34 from John 13. Though the motet is a short example of English polyphony, Mundy shows the versatility of four-voice part writing as the choir begins in homophonic rhythm with the text, "A new commandment I give unto you, saith the Lord," but soon the voices break free from each other, starting with the tenor, "that ye love together as I have loved you." Mundy treats the text metaphorically through the part writing, as the words commanded by "the Lord" are sung in unified rhythm, indicating the God's sovereignty. However, when the voices move independently from each other, it indicates the many individuals responsible to abide said command. The offertory looks to the first epistle of John, chapter 3, verses 17-23, "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth: We have confidence before our God, and we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments, and do

what pleases Him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love on another." In this through-composed piece by American organist and former choirmaster of Trinity Church in Manhattan, Larry King (1932-1990), the organ and choir interweave each other with different thematic elements that carry the piece forward. For example, there are times where the organ offers a lyrical motive that acts separate from the choir, and others where the choir sings in polyphony without accompanying support. This offers a breadth of aural drama that emphasizes the severity of the text's decree.

### WELCOME TO GPMC

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its vibrant congregations. For 161 years, we have been a light by the lakeshore for Jesus Christ, through our worship, education, outreach, and community life. We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray you will receive a sense of God's loving Spirit from your time with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**Our Mission and Vision Statement:** Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever, we are called and committed to living out our love for God. Through worship, study and service, we strive to continue God's transforming work by worshiping God joyfully, welcoming others graciously, supporting one another lovingly, and faithfully responding to our community and world with compassion.

**Inclusion Statement:** As a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), GPMC is an inclusive community of faith, welcoming people of all races, gender identities, and sexual orientation, believing that God gifts and calls everyone into beloved service and community with God and others.

**Leading and Assisting in Worship:** Jeff Lincicome, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Bob Mobley (9 am), Frances LaPlante - Sosnowsky (11 am), lay readers; Sanctuary Choir; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

**The Sanctuary flowers** in loving memory of James D. Beyster and Barbara Boydell Beyster by Barbara and James Bierbusse and Rebecca and Eric Schaumlöffel.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please contact Rachel Kurtz at 313.300.5353 or rkurtz1234@aol.com

**Giving at GPMC:** Visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](http://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving), text “GPMC” to 73256. Offering envelopes can also be found in the pews. Thank you for helping us be a light by the lakeshore.

**Hearing assistance system in the Sanctuary:** These devices, pieces and lanyards are on the credenza towards the front of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see one of the ushers.

**Infant and toddler room:** Is available in room 112 during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers.

**Worship kits:** For children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
10:00 am	Second Sunday with Makers	Library
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

### SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS

### SERMON SERIES

*In Living Color: The Story of Our Faith*

*One of the gifts of GPMC is the incredible Willet stained glass windows that adorn our sanctuary. For close to 100 years, these windows have told the story of our faith, painting the Bible in living color, surrounding us on all sides with our heritage. This year, with those windows as our guide, we will be walking through the story of our faith, one pane at a time. What a gift we have been given!*



# 733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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# 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. The staff of GPMC meets every Tuesday morning and offers prayers for members of the congregation. If you would like to add a person to our prayers or on the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, please call Carol Marks at 313.882.5330 ex. 127 or email her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.*

**Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.**

**Recent Prayer Requests for:** Wendy Beal, Kathy Belter (Cheryl Littleton's aunt), Martha Day, Jane Dow, John Harris (Jodi Stevens' father), David Lile (Anne Musial's nephew), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Kenneth Mazer-Schmidt, Amy Miller, Sharon Miquel, Annie Prentice, Christina Robinson.

**Continued Prayers for:** John Boris, Janet Fruehauf, Joanne Grierson, Amy Hatch, Brooks David Hawke (Susan Bolton's grandson and Elizabeth Peters' great-grandson), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Carolyn Scheuer (Marilyn Doyal's sister).

**Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military:** Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Christian Mageau, Senior Airman USAF (Cynthia and Michael Mageau's son), Steven Hess, Army Combat Medic, FL (Roma and Tom Hess' grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines, Djibouti, Africa (Phyllis and John Brewster's grandson), Douglas Clark Ross, Senior Airman Avionics Technician, U.S. Airforce, Capt. Florencio J. Yuzon, V, U.S. Navy (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), 1LT Florencio C. Yuzon, VI, U.S. Army (Val and Pat Moran's grandson).

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, November 10

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Council Meetings, 6:30 and 7 pm (Various Locations)  
Boy Scouts, 7 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, November 11

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215)  
Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Wednesday, November 12

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)  
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)  
Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 8:30 pm (Offsite)

### Thursday, November 13

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)  
Handbell Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

### Friday, November 14

Men's Breakfast, 8 - 9 am (Room 209)  
Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, November 15

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)

### Sunday, November 16

Worship Services, \*9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & \*Livestream)  
Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)  
Congregational Meeting, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Fellowship Hall)  
Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Third Floor)



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday  
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